

Back-to-School Report to Pupils and Parents

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The Dansville Central Schools will reopen Wednesday, Sept. 9, with a full-day session for all students in grades K-12.

Parents of students new to the district should register their youngster at the appropriate school office between the hours of 9 a.m. and Noon or 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, as soon as possible.

The following general information about the 1987-88 school year may be of interest to you:

School Lunches: New prices are K-6, 70 cents, 7-12, 80 cents, milk and ice cream, 25 cents.

Buses: The bus routes and schedule have not changed from last year. If you need information concerning your child's transportation to school please call the bus garage at 335-2370. Parents are urged to review the bus rules with their children. During the school year, parents will be notified immediately whenever there are any problems on the buses.

Parent-Student Handbooks: There are parent-student handbooks for grades K-12. All students will receive one on the first day of school. Because the handbooks are so important, parents are asked to call the school immediately if they do not receive one.

New Homework Procedures:

All teachers in grades 3-12 will notify students and parents in writing early in the year or semester explaining their homework policies (i.e., amount, grading, frequency, consequences for not completing assignments, etc.). Students are expected to complete all homework assignments on time. Teachers have been asked to notify parents of students with five or more incomplete homework assignments. If necessary, a parent conference will be requested to discuss persistent homework problems.

Activity Period: Parents are reminded of the fact that the last hour (ninth/activity period) of the school day for students in grades 3-12 is not "after school." This period is a part of the regular school day. If requested by a teacher or principal, student attendance during this last hour is mandatory. There are three major purposes for use of this last hour: extra help for students, which includes "make-up" work for incomplete assignments; student activities and clubs; and discipline (i.e., in-classroom detention, or in-school suspension).

Students who willfully skip last period after being asked to report by a teacher or principal will have to spend one night in school detention and also make up the night originally missed with the teacher.

Discipline Policies:

Beginning in September, any Junior or Senior High School student who is disciplined with in-school or out-of-school suspension on five or more separate occasions will be referred to the Superintendent of Schools for a suspension hearing on the charge of insubordination.

Students who are tardy (illegally late to homeroom) and truant (illegal student absence

without parental consent) will be subject to much stiffer disciplinary measures. Students who are truant receive zeros for any tests or graded work missed due to the truancy. Parents are urged to review the discipline sections in the handbooks.

Drug and Alcohol Policies:

Students possessing, selling, distributing, taking or using drugs and/or are present in school or school property (including buses) after taking or using drugs (including alcohol) will be suspended with the first offense for five days pending a thorough investigation.

In cooperation with the Dansville Task Force on Drugs and Alcohol, the school district has also developed policies for helping students who are experiencing drug and alcohol problems not related to discipline. Parents are urged to call Linda Michel, home-school-community coordinator at 335-3185 for more information.

Parent Survey: In order to strengthen communication and relationships between home and school, a parent survey will be conducted during the first four months of school this year. Your cooperation in completing these surveys will be greatly appreciated.

Citizenship Education: The school district is planning to use the occasion of the Bicentennial of our Constitution to reaffirm the teaching of citizenship in grades K-12. Beginning Sept. 16, with a "Celebration of Citizenship" and throughout the year, we will be conducting special activities aimed at helping students better understand the Constitution and democracy. These activities will be correlated with community sponsored events.

More Productive Schools:

Working together, school personnel and parents can make a tremendous difference in how well a student does in school.

Most people are aware of the term productivity when applied to a business or a company. In schools, productivity is increased when more students are making an effort to complete their school work and assignments. Increased productivity in our schools means that more students will learn better.

At school, we will try to do everything possible to encourage students to want to learn. Providing interesting lessons, giving extra help when needed, and maintaining good communication with students and parents are just some of the ways school personnel help students do their best.

Parents can help increase productivity at school by closely monitoring the progress and activities of their children. Insisting on regular attendance at school, making sure homework assignments are completed, responding to communication from school, and following-up on school related problems are all ways that parents can help make our schools more productive in terms of student learning.

Here's to a good year at home and school. Let's make the most of the learning process! Your continued support, understanding, and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Groveland Area News

MRS. THOMAS ADAMSON

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Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Caldwell have returned home after spending a week on Lake Erie. Weekend guests were Nettie and Brian Muck of Rochester.

Mrs. Jack Schirmer of Caledonia, Mrs. Irene Townor of Rochester and Donna Rae Dillella of Pittsford were last Wednesday evening guests of Mrs. Ada McDowell.

There will be no service at the Sparta First Presbyterian Church and for the Groveland Federated Parish on Sunday Sept. 6. Services will be held at the museum in Mumfords which many plan to attend.

Services on Sept. 13 for the Sparta First Presbyterian Church will return to its winter schedule with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and church services beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston, Matthew Burgess and Velva Santini were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Thomas Adamson.

The Session of the Sparta First Church will have its next meeting Sept. 14 at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. David Love Jr. entertained several friends and relatives at a picnic at their home last Saturday evening.

George Buchanan of Texas returned home Sunday after spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Buchanan.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Provo of Rochester Aug. 8 and is the grandson of Robert Dennison. Mrs. Provo is the former Rosemary Dennison of Groveland. Their son has been named Brandon Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston and family attended a family gathering at Woneta Lake last Sunday.

A pot luck supper will be held for members of the Groveland Federated Parish at the East Groveland Methodist Church Sunday Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.

Several Groveland residents attended the State Fair in Syracuse Saturday.

Area SS Office Slates Seminar

The Corning Social Security Office will have a seminar on Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Work Incentives for the Blind and Disabled. It is scheduled in Corning Public Library Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. Phyllis Draper, field representative, announced.

The seminar will be of interest to individuals, agencies, or advocacy groups who deal with and provide services to disabled people. Attendees will be informed of the work incentive provisions available for those Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries who wish to return to work, she explained.

Those interested should register by called 607-936-3743.

Tuatara, found only on small islands near New Zealand, are the only survivors of a group of reptiles that roamed the earth during the age of dinosaurs, and they've changed little in 150 million years, says National Geographic World.



REMINDER — James Snyder, president of the United Way of Dansville, has been placing these stickers throughout the community. They urge people, as they enter an establishment, to "pull" for the United Way's effort; on the opposite side is a similar reminder to "push" for the organization. The 1987 United Way campaign to raise \$31,900 for its 17 member agencies started Tuesday. In the photo, Snyder is placing a logo at the entrance to Clara Barton American Red Cross Chapter House, a United Way agency.

Dansville School Board Okays Appointments

Two teacher appointments were approved when the Dansville Board of Education met last week.

Named to a secondary English teacher position for a three-year probationary period was Gerard A. Weiner of Albany, and moved up from a substitute to a foreign language teacher was Laurie Updyke of Genesee who will instruct grades seven through 12. Both appointments became effective Tuesday.

Named secretary in the Senior High School guidance office was Lisa Cuddeback. She replaces Roxanne Supulski, who moved over to the Primary School following the retirement of Dolly Boyd.

Trustees authorized payment of \$32,568 to Babcock Enterprises Ltd. of Dansville for its work on the new parking lot at the Primary School, and approved payment of fees in the amount of

\$1,800 to John Brennessel of Dansville for his work in engineering the project.

In other action, the board:

—Awarded the contract for milk and milk products to Vogt's Dairy Inc. of Dansville, and for ice cream to Dunkirk Ice Cream Co. Inc. of Dunkirk. There were two other bids received for the milk contract and one other for ice cream.

—Authorized a tax rebate of \$1,416 the Coca-Cola Bottling Corp. of Dansville. The payment was ordered after assessment on the firm's local property was reduced from \$112,000 to \$91,000 retroactive to 1982.

—Agreed to continue holding meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, but with some sessions to start at 8:30 p.m. instead of the normal 7:30 p.m. starting time.

West Sparta News

MRS. MILDRED PIKE

PHONE 335-6102

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, daughters Pam, Laura and Natalie of Rochester, were Saturday evening guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Martin at a dinner in Bill's Restaurant, Nunda.

There's going to be a pig roast at the Fire Hall here Saturday, Sept. 19, starting at 5 p.m. It's sponsored by Schramm Farms Inc. There will be dancing following the roast. Tickets can be obtained from any of the firemen or picked up at the Country Corner Store here. Let's get behind our volunteers and make this a great success!

Lynn and Jackie Pike of Henrietta were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Pike.

Ruth Jones returned home recently after spending a week with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Jones of Corinth, Miss.

Tom and Carlene, Joanne and Bonnie Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace Sr. were weekend guests for a picnic in honor of Robert Wallace III at the home of Robert Wallace Jr. in West Bloomfield. Robert will be spending a year in Korea with the Army.

Sean Cristo of Rochester visited his grandmother, Mildred Pike last Wednesday. She returned to his home in Rochester to visit his

Dansville Collegian Gains Scholarship

Michelle Kenna of Dansville is one of 138 students awarded Emerson Scholarships at Ithaca College where she will be a senior majoring in sociology during the upcoming school year.

She is the daughter of James and Ann Kenna of 10 Greenmount Ave., and a graduate of Dansville Senior High School. The grants, averaging \$1,000, are based on meritorious academic performance and significant contributions to the extracurricular life at Ithaca.

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